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Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

DuPage County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Willis Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present:

Mark Avery (chair), Ed Paesel (co-chair), Robert Cole, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Kimberly Flom, Jim LaBelle, Steve Lazzara (for Curt Paddock), Heather Tabbert, Nathaniel Werner, Jeromie Winsor

Members Absent:

Judy Beck, Jerry Conrad, Roger Dahlstrom, Lisa DiChiera, David Galowich, Robert Palmer, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Norm West, Nancy Williamson

Staff Present:

Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Lindsay Banks, Bob Dean, Trevor Dick, Ricardo Lopez, Jason Navota, Pete Saunders, Kendra Smith

Others Present:

Kristen Andersen (Metra), David Husemoller (Lake County), Mike Walczak (NWMC)

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Mark Avery called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

Committee liaison Stephen Ostrander introduced and welcomed new committee member Kimberly Flom, Planner with the Development Services Department of the Village of Orland Park. Kimberly replaces her colleague Karie Friling representing Orland Park on the committee.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Notes

A motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2011, was made by Rob Cole and seconded by Ed Paesel. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Upcoming Planning Commissioner Workshops – Jon Hallas, CMAP

Jon provided committee members with an update on upcoming CMAP Planning Commissioner

Workshops, including that they expected 30 participants per session (and that there was room for additional participants), it was ok to attend just one session, Planning Liaisons were welcome to request fall 2011 workshops take place in the areas they represent.

Jon also mentioned that CMAP is in conversation with the American Planning Association, which is developing modules, on different topics, which can be chosen or included as needed in future workshops.

Kristi DeLaurentiis mentioned the Metropolitan Planning Council's similar work with the update of *Planning 1-2-3*, which is currently underway.

5.0 Overview of Local and Regional Coordinating Committees – Mark Avery and Ed Paesel Mark and Ed, the Land Use Committee's representatives on the Local Coordinating Committee and Regional Coordinating Committee, respectively, provided a brief overview of the responsibilities and membership of these two committees, which were recently reorganized and renamed. Mark noted the structure of preceding committees (i.e. the Planning and Programming Committees), and then explained that the new Local Coordinating Committee concerns regional matters that are smaller scale, initiated by units of local government.

Ed explained that the Regional Coordinating Committee will focus on matters such as future amendments to the GO TO 2040 plan, as well as the constrained and unconstrained lists for major capital projects.

Jim LaBelle asked whether the Regional Committee would address Developments of Regional Importance; Ed responded that it would, and mentioned that the Canadian Northern intermodal center near Harvey is likely to come up.

6.0 Local Technical Assistance Program: Example of Project Scope – Trevor Dick and Pete Saunders, CMAP

Bob Dean first introduced new Local Technical Assistance staff: Trevor Dick, Jason Navota, and Kendra Smith. He then proceeded to give a brief update of the current status of the LTA program.

Kristi DeLaurentiis asked whether communities who submitted multiple projects indicated their priorities, or whether CMAP determined this. Bob answered that many (but not all) communities indicated their priorities; CMAP paid close attention to those that did, but also established its own sense of priorities, based on numerous factors, including readiness.

Following this overview by Bob, Pete Saunders introduced the draft process template for CMAP's upcoming work developing and updating municipal comprehensive plans. He noted that one difference with CMAP's process is not constrained by budgets, and another is that CMAP will embark on an ambitious public outreach phase at the beginning of the process. Last,

was the guiding influence of GO TO 2040.

Trevor Dick observed that three key areas covered in the CMAP process are a very thorough analysis of existing conditions, community visioning (asking, essentially, "Where do you want to go?"), and detailing how the community can actually make it happen.

Kristi asked how much hand-holding CMAP will be able to provide in the implementation phase. Pete answered that it depends on the specific community. Jason Navota added that this will generally be built into the process.

Ed Paesel observed that unlike typical municipal comprehensive plans, there is a need to place these communities in regional and sub-regional context. Pete responded that this will be implicit in CMAP's approach. Kristi stated that she thought this should be explicit, to which Pete responded that CMAP can build this into the process.

Jim LaBelle said that perhaps CMAP could eventually provide every community in the region with a snapshot, providing a generalized set of data and some sense of the particular community's comparison with the rest of the region. Bob responded that for the upcoming "2.0" phase of MetroPulse, CMAP is working to develop individualized "portals" for each community.

Mark Avery asked whether CMAP be seeking input from COGs. Pete answered yes.

7.0 Local Technical Assistance Program: Three "Immediate Priority for Startup" Projects – Trevor Dick, Jason Navota, Pete Saunders, and Daniel Ungerleider, CMAP

Bob introduced the discussion of this agenda item by explaining that these 3 projects to be discussed—City of Chicago, Department of Housing and Economic Development; City of Blue Island; Will County (unincorporated Fairmont)—were seen as the most closely related to the concerns of the CMAP Land Use Committee.

City of Chicago, Department of Housing and Economic Development
Jason introduced the City of Chicago project, and mentioned that there's some overlap with
neighboring Bronzeville projects.

Jeromie Winsor asked whether the previously-discussed comprehensive plan process template would be what is used for this project. Jason responded that this project will be something different.

Heather Tabbert asked whether there will be separate websites for each project. Bob responded that CMAP will be helping communities with LTA projects with relevant content on their own websites; in addition, CMAP will include some project details in the "Moving Forward" section of its own website, and is developing a modified version of the MetroQuest web tool used during the development of GO TO 2040.

Kristi asked what the timeline was for this project. Bob responded that CMAP is hearing from City of Chicago staff that they will try to complete the work in a year, and then will take the following year to implement the plan through the City Council.

Kendra Smith noted that CMAP's work will complement and build upon work already done (and continuing) by LISC (which includes extensive work on social issues, etc.).

Than Werner asked whether IIT or the University of Chicago are involved. Jason responded that Susan Campbell from the University of Chicago now serves on the CMAP Board (and she is very aware of the details of this particular project), but no representatives from IIT is currently involved (Than told Jason that he might have the name of someone from IIT who might be appropriate, and would follow-up directly with Jason).

Ed Paesel observed that the station there that gives access to the Rock Island line is important, especially for reverse commute matters.

Mark Avery asked whether follow up be written into the timeline and work plan for the project. Bob answered that some follow up work will, and additional follow up and related projects are expected to emanate from this project as well.

City of Blue Island:

Trevor Dick introduced this project.

Ed mentioned that SSMMA has received an RTA grant to do work on attracting developers to TOD areas, and Blue Island is one.

Kristi noted that Blue Island has been very involved with greenway trail efforts, and there's a need to keep in mind possible changes to Cal Sag and other waterways. Ed added the new interchange at 57 and 294.

Jim LaBelle noted that Maria Saldaña, the new Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Economic Development of Cook County, has indicated she wants to be more involved, and perhaps CMAP should reach out to her. Bob responded that CMAP met with her the preceding Friday, and it's clear that the new Cook County administration wants to provide help.

Trevor explained that Blue Island's Planning Commission will be serving as the steering committee for the LTA project.

Mark Avery asked whether there were any general plans to get Planning Commissions to serve as steering committees for LTA projects—especially those involving comprehensive plans. Bob responded; not necessarily, but CMAP expects that Planning Commissions will always be involved in some way in all projects (he added that this is es-

sential).

Will County (unincorporated Fairmont)

Pete Saunders introduced the Fairmont project, for which he is the lead.

Mark Avery asked whether annexation of the community has ever been considered. Steve Lazzara responded that Fairmont wanted to remain un-annexed. Steve gave a brief overview of previous CMAP efforts in the community, such as the 2009 Community Design Workshop and the more-recent Future Leaders In Planning (FLIP) project.

Jeromie asked whether there are community stakeholders. Steve responded that the reverend from the main church is one, and there is a new school superintendent, as well as a township supervisor. Steve then confirmed Jeromie's observation that implementation will then largely fall upon Will County.

Ed asked whether Fairmont has demonstrated interest in incorporating themselves. Steve answered that there is probably some interest, but that the community probably doesn't have the financial viability to incorporate.

Kristi asked Pete whether there will be an environmental lens included in the Fairmont project. Bob responded that that will be a standard part of our process.

8.0 Next Meeting:

Stephen explained that due to a potential conflict with a CMP Board meeting, the Land Use Committee would meet on April 27, 2011 (this meeting was later cancelled).

9.0 Other Business

Steve Lazzara mentioned that the CMAP Citizens Advisory Committee was in the midst of a restructuring phase.

Stephen Ostrander mentioned announced that there was an interest in expanding the membership of the committee, and encouraged current members of the committee to recommend persons who would make good additions to the committee. Ed Paesel responded that it is imperative that the City (of Chicago) is represented.

Heather Tabbert briefly announced upcoming meetings/open houses for the RTA's grant programs.

10.0 Public Comment

None

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Ostrander

Staff Liaison to the Land Use Committee